

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every two and one-half minutes someone in America is sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Justice estimates that nearly 400,000 adult women and men are sexually assaulted each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, one in three girls and one in seven boys are sexually assaulted before the age of eighteen; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Office on Women provided services to 722 adult and child victims of sexual assault during Fiscal Year 2005; and

WHEREAS, the impact of sexual assault is not confined to any group of people, but crosses all economic, age, racial, and social barriers; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence results in emotional trauma, physical harm, or death; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Women is commemorating the victims of sexual violence through a city-wide public awareness campaign during April;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2006 as:

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 28th day of March 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

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POETRY

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for

Sexual Assault

Awareness Month

- Who:** Poets, Artists, Sexual Assault Survivors,
Anyone impacted by Sexual Violence
- What:** Please come to share your poetry related to the
topic of sexual violence. Any aspect of sexual
violence is welcomed – from trauma to healing.
Break the Silence about Sexual Violence!
- Where:** Cameron Perks Coffeehouse
4911 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria, VA
www.cameronperks.com
- When:** Thursday, April 20, 7 - 8:30 pm
- Why:** April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month – this
is an opportunity for you to speak out and raise
awareness about sexual violence
- How:** Call Jen McLish at 703-838-5030 to register to read
your poetry or get more information
- Sponsor:** Sexual Assault Response and Awareness Program




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SEARCHING FOR ANGELA SHELTON

FILM SHOWING & DISCUSSION

Thursday, April 27, 7 - 9 pm
Alexandria Black History Museum
902 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA



Filmmaker Angela Shelton travels the United States seeking others named Angela Shelton in an effort to survey women in America. On her journey she discovers that more than half of the 40 women she interviews have been victims of rape, domestic violence, or childhood molestation. Resiliency and the power of the human spirit are the common threads throughout this powerful and inspiring film.



For further information call SARA program staff at 703.838.5030
SARA 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 703.683.7273

